

Responses to WorldCom Arguments Regarding EDI Documentation Inconsistencies

WorldCom Quote ¹	General Issue	Qwest Response	Qwest/WorldCom Field Name and Question Log Question #
“For numerous EDI fields that are conditional fields, Qwest provide[s] rules stating that the field must be filled in under certain circumstances, but does not state whether it is otherwise optional or prohibited to fill in the field. For example, the Developer Worksheet CSRQ68 QNR and Preparation Guide 34e both say that a particular field must be filled in if the service indicator is C or D, but do not say whether the field is otherwise optional or prohibited. The same is true for Preparation Guide 4.7g and Developer Worksheet CSRR 19a ACCTDESC.”	Conditional Fields	WorldCom alleges that Qwest’s documentation is unclear regarding whether certain fields are mandatory or conditional. Qwest’s conditional business rules do in fact provide guidance when a field must be populated. If a rule does not specifically state a prohibited condition, then the field is to be treated as not required. This means that if the CLEC populates data into the field outside of the defined condition, the data will be ignored. ²	[redacted]

¹ Citations in this column are to WorldCom Qwest III Comments (filed October 15, 2002, in WC Docket 02-314), Declaration of Sherry Lichtenberg at ¶30.

² See Attachment 5, Appendix P, IMA 10.0 Disclosure Document, §2.1.1 (Usage Definitions), which defines the term “Conditional” as follows: “This field is required for this activity based upon a condition. The System shall enforce the business rule and require a valid entry when the condition is true.” The 10.0 IMA Disclosure Document was included in both Qwest I and II proceedings in Attachment 5, Appendix P. Additionally, the 11.0 IMA Disclosure Documentat may be found at the following URL:
<http://www.uswest.com/disclosures/netdisclosure409.html>.

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“With respect to other fields, Qwest provides inconsistent information. For example, Preparation Guide 4.36b lists the field PATHNAME, but there is no corresponding field in the Developer Worksheet at all. The same is true for Preparation Guide 4.36c CSRR1 and Preparation Guide 4.36d D/TFILECRE.”	WorldCom provides three examples of fields that appear in the LSOG CSR Query Preparation Guide but do not appear in the developer worksheets.	These fields are not used for the EDI CSR Query transaction and therefore do not appear in the CSR Query Developer Worksheet. Because these fields are not used in EDI, they may be ignored for purposes of constructing an EDI interface.	[redacted]
“Other fields are described in all documentation but described inconsistently. CSRR105 SASF states that the field is a 4 character field, while the Developer Worksheet CSRR41 states that it is a five character field.”	WorldCom identifies a single instance in which the Developer Worksheets contain inconsistent instructions. In this instance, a similar field, SASF, is used in two places on the CSR response transaction and has a different field length in each location.	Each of these fields is on a response transaction. As a result, the CLEC needs only to be able to receive the data sent from Qwest. If a CLEC uses the field length specified in the Developer Worksheet for each field, the CLEC will be able to receive the data from Qwest in the appropriate field. This issue does not impact a CLEC’s ability to code its EDI interface.	[redacted]

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“Preparation Guide 4.24a identifies a field as associated with the listed address, yet the Developer Worksheet CSRR63 Floor states that it is associated with the billing address. The same is true for Preparation Guide 4.24b and Developer Worksheet CSRR64 ROOM/Mail Stop.”	WorldCom identifies two cases within the QLSOG where a field definition has an error.	In the QLSOG, in both cases cited by WorldCom, the field definition describes the field as “associated with the Listed Address.” However, in the subsequent QLSOG business rule, the field is correctly shown to be part of the CSRR Billing Section. <i>See</i> Qwest Preparation Guide CSR, pp. 71-72. As the QLSOG document is not designed to be used for EDI development, the proper information is included in the Developer Worksheet. The correct information can be also be found in the LSOG business rule. This issue therefore does not affect a CLEC’s ability to code an EDI interface.	[redacted]